


**A STATEMENT BY THE OWNERS OF WOMBAT HOLLOW CONCERNING
COMPLIANCE UNDER LEP 2010 - ZONE E3 ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT 27 JULY 2015**

- A Development Application (DA) was submitted to Wingecarribee Shire Council on 13 July 2015
- The DA seeks consent from Council for 'Temporary Use - Functions and Events'
- We regret the fact that the DA was not submitted in a more timely way after it was foreshadowed to Council in June 2014
- All relevant functions scheduled to be held at Wombat Hollow have either been cancelled, postponed or moved to another venue, pending the outcome of the DA
- Affected functions relate primarily to charitable organisations that have been held at Wombat Hollow for many years either at no charge or on a cost recovery basis
- Private functions where guests are invited personally and there is either no financial consideration or the function is on a not-for-profit basis will continue to be held at our home consistent with our inalienable rights as private property owners and rate payers
- We totally reject any claim that alcohol is being served at Wombat Hollow in breach of licencing laws
- We will not be influenced by the vexatious, self-serving campaign by any media outlet or local government representative, against small rural venues, including Wombat Hollow
- We fully appreciate and respect the professionalism of Council staff in dealing with this matter
- All Council members and staff have been removed from Wombat Hollow invitation lists to address any suggestion of influence or gain being obtained by attending functions held at Wombat Hollow
- All website content relating to Wombat Hollow as a venue has been taken down pending Council consideration of the DA
- We ask Council members to declare any interest in dealing with this matter, as required under Parts two and three of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Statement of Business Ethics
- We ask any media outlet in reporting on this matter to declare any interest as required under the Press Council's Statement of General Principals - Integrity and Transparency provisions

Yours sincerely


for Michael and Susan Yabsley